

(Copy of a note to Miss Elizabeth Farnsworth Groton)

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Dear Miss. Farnsworth -

It is with great pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter, enclosing five dollars from yourself and the same amount from G. S. Gates, in aid of the suffering colored emigrants, who are seeking a refuge in Kansas from cruel injustice and unrelenting oppression on southern soil. The blessings of those " who are ready to perish " shall rest upon the givers and their gifts -

It appears that you have attained the ripe age of eighty six years, which tallies with that of my revered Quaker friend Lucretia Mott of Philadelphia, who is still actively interested in all the philanthropic and reformatory movements of the age -

It would indeed be to me a most pleasing occurrence if I could have the

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opportunity of seeing you face to face, and conversing with you in regard to things past and present; but though I am at least twelve years your junior, my health is so far affected that I am obliged to keep very closely to my home, though more the less in favor of "immediate & unconditional emancipation" from all "the ills that flesh is heir to"; but happily, that will be realized at no distant day, in accordance with the law of mortality.

I bear in affectionate remembrance your deceased brother, Dr Amos Farnsworth whose friendship I greatly prized, and who brought to the support of the anti-slavery cause an inflexible purpose, a whole souled consecration, a warmly sympathetic spirit, and a noble disregard of that "fear of man that bringeth a snare".

I hope to clasp hands with him on another plane of existence, and with

many other dear friends and co-workers  
who have preceded me in the matter of  
translation to a higher life -

May the remainder of your days  
be without any drawback, and yet  
extended to a centennial period.

Yours, with profound respect  
W<sup>m</sup> Lloyd Garrison -

